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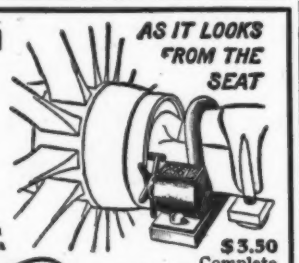
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IT IS THE FIRM OPINION of a certain scientific authority who has explored the ground in a pretty thorough manner that music exerts a beneficial effect on the moral faculties of the most hardened criminal, and in a great measure uplifts him spiritually and has a reformatory tendency greatly to be desired. Therefore it should go without saying that what the states-prison of to-day really needs for the welfare of its inmates is more music and less labor. Convicted people should be sentenced to terms of sufficient duration to cure them of their viciousness, and not to terms fixed to fit the offense. It might take three years on a Wagner diet to cure one man of the bank-breaking habit and a one-year term of Mendelssohn to strengthen another man sufficiently to enable him to look upon a fur-lined overcoat without becoming fatally fascinated by it. A musical director should be in every penitentiary to examine each incomer with a view to ascertaining his musical needs and to make it impossible for the one requiring Mozart to be put on a course of Donizetti. Of course, the music, to have the desired effect, should fit the temperament of the criminal. It would then come to pass that there would be Beethoven and Bellini chain-gangs, whom it would be fatal, from a reformatory point of view, to mix indiscriminately, even as it would be to mix the Gounods and Bizets, or the Meyerbeers and Bachs. Each gang should have the melodies of its special composer discoursed by a brass band or an orchestrion while it worked. Its members would swing the sledgehammer gracefully to the witching strains of the "Moonlight Sonata," and render greater service to the state, and make a more brilliant finish-fight with vice, especially if paced by a metronome. It would also bless them by enabling them to acquire a love of and for classical music. Orchestrions should be placed in the prisons and the cell-doors left open, that the patients might be soothed to sleep and gradually uplifted while dreaming. Æolian harps might be set in the so-called oriel of the cell, which might be known as a kiosk, that the occupant of the same, whether a three-year Offenbach or a six-month Chopin, might receive mental treatment while lying on his divan, fancifully finding caravans and armies in the ceiling-cracks. The music might also remove the cause of the vice of each guest of the state, so that if after his release he should see a man drop a pocket-book on the street, he would run breathlessly to restore it. Possibly we are only beginning to realize the real meaning and mission of music. We trust that we are, and that it may be so great a factor in the reformation of criminal offenders that it will cure the pick-pocket, even if the latter is not blest with an ear for music.

KNOW YOUR MAN.

Uncle Sam is the most hospitable of men, but——

——don't try to step on him.

THEY call me the potato rose.
The sweet patrician "Bride"
Sighed sadly as she drooped in pain,
All crushed her haughty pride.

They call me the potato rose
Because I never cease
To bring to-day's potato price—
One hundred cents apiece.

* * *

THE FORCING of all kinds of edibles has become a fine art, and the time may not be far distant when we shall have winter apples dead ripe in July and early summer apples hanging lush and mellow in the middle of February. And then the rose-grower may devise a means for raising crocuses in October and golden-rod in March, thus reversing things, to glad the whimsical sense of an over-fastidious public. The spring lamb is now forced so successfully that he gambols gracefully in the poetic vision of the epicure as early as January, and never survives long enough to gild the emerald mead of which he should be the chief particular ornament. The winter-spring-lamb industry is now a regular institution, and it is quite possible that its success may be followed by the introduction of a system of producing game animals and birds in such a way as to have them on sale all the year round without violating the law. Ice is now manufactured in a way that must make Jack Frost feel like moving to Florida and becoming an orange-grower. And this leads us to believe that after awhile snow-storms may be manufactured under glass, and that tobogganing and other winter sports may become regular summer recreations. But when it comes to forcing it is to be hoped that science may devise a scheme by which delinquent debtors may be put under glass and forced to cancel their obligations at the rate of one hundred cents on the dollar without reference to time or season.

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IT HAS BEEN SAID, ever since Cobden visited this country, seventy years ago, that the reason Americans lead the world in the battle for success is that they are indefatigable newspaper readers. This may all be true, and yet it does not seem unreasonable to advance the opinion that if the average American should attempt to read half the newspapers published to-day he would not have enough time left on his hands to give him an opportunity to succeed in anything with the exception of landing himself headfirst in a padded cell. Possibly the success that a man may attain from conscientious newspaper reading depends largely upon the journal that claims his time and attention. In other words, we should say, without prejudice, that the smaller the circulation of a paper, the greater would be its influence as an educator and a factor in the success of any man, inasmuch as the paper having a circulation that increases so rapidly that an affidavit-mill to keep the public informed is not the smallest part of its plant is read largely by criminals who do not always succeed in evading the law, and by people who are in sympathy with crime, and whose time might be valuable to themselves if they did not wantonly fritter it away in the wholesale denunciation of successful people. If a large circulation is conducive to that form of education that is so essential an element of success, the novel of the day should play a star part in the drama of American triumph, even when it doesn't appear serially in newspapers. This novel usually comes out two or three hundred thousand strong, and every copy is read by twenty or thirty yearning souls. The greater the number of readers, the greater the circulation; and the greater the circulation, the greater the success of the readers. As the circulation would determine the status of the book as an educator, crowned heads in and out of employment and the regulation professional testimonial people could be induced for a monetary consideration to indorse it in the interests of success. The same book in dramatic form might attract thousands to the playhouse and thus help the book in its grand mission, while reviews of the play in the newspapers would help both. Then they would, so to speak, pull together for the general prosperity of all deserving people, so that the merchant, the banker, the plumber, and the pugilist when asked, "To what do you owe your success in life?" would reply, "To reading."

EVERYBODY HOCH!

THE bark that held the Prince came up
And hoched just west of town,
Hoboken hoched him first and then
The Prince himself hoched down.

"Hoch! Sprechen sie deutsch?" Hoboken
Hoched 'mid the hoching din.
"Hoch, vos is los mit Heinrich? So?"
Prince Heinrich hoched a grin.

"Hoch, hoch," as Henry comes across,
"Hoch" greets him far and near,
Our Mayor Low says, "Hoch, mein Herr,"
And hochs him at the pier.

"Hoch, hoch," from every window and
"Hoch, hoch," on banners bright,
"Hoch, what's the matter with the Prince?"
"Hoch! Heinrich, he's all right."

Hoch, hoch the bells and hoch the guns
And hoch the starry glory out.
Shriek "Hoch der Kaiser! Hoch der Prinz!"
And hoch them up the spout.

HOCH DER BROOKS.

NO AFFAIR OF THEIRS.

First tramp—"I see dey're tryin' to abolish railroad passes."

Second tramp—"Well, I guess you an' I needn't worry about it. We're all right until dey abolish freight trains."

HE DIDN'T WANT HER FOR A NURSE.
MRS. HOYLE—"How did your husband get over his illness so quickly?"
MRS. DOYLE—"I threatened to send for mother to take care of him."

APPRECIATION.

IT had been impressed upon little Mary that she must receive offerings graciously, and never fail to show her appreciation of even the smallest present.

A friend having given her a "chance" at the church grab-bag, she drew a very large and industrious-looking fine-tooth comb.

"Oh, thank you, thank you," said the well-trained child eagerly, "that's just what I want. I need it the most in the world."

Mary couldn't understand why everybody smiled except her mother.

AN OLD ADAGE ENFORCED.

Dombey—"How did you get that scar on your forehead, Jones?"

Jones—"Oh, my wife and I had an argument and she obeyed that mean old adage—strike while the iron is hot."

He—"Miss Olkyrl and Mr. Stagit played cards together the whole voyage."

She—"Which won?"

He—"It resulted in a tie."

A LUCKY FELLOW.
CHOLLY—"Been shooting for a week, old chap! Had great good luck!"
ALGY—"What did you bring back?"
CHOLLY (*proudly*)—"The dogs!"

JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

GRACE VAN STUDDIFORD.

Who hears her gayly sing,
  Who sees her sweetly pose,
Will think the season airy spring
  And she its fairest rose.

He'll think he hears the birds
  Upon the twinkling vine,
When lightly flow her lisping words
  In melody divine.

With us he quite agrees,
  When all is said and done,
That in this lovely Grace he sees
  The Three rolled into one.

HIS WAY.

Sabbath-school teacher—"When very angry what should you do?"

Johnny Thickneck—"Knock the other feller down, sit on his head, and then count one hundred—that's the only safe way, ma'am."

NEEDED A BRACER.

Patient—"Doctor, will you kindly prescribe a good nerve-tonic for me?"

Doctor—"Why, my dear man, you've entirely recovered from your sickness."

Patient—"Yes; but I want you to send in your bill."

NOT UP TO DATE.

Mrs. Richmond—"What is your objection to your new pastor?"

Mrs. Bronxborough—"Oh, he's such an old fogy. Why, he's never once been tried for heresy."

A SMALL ASSEMBLY.

Visitor—"I understand, major, that there were very few at the meeting."

Major Bluegrass (of Kentucky)—"Yes, suh; barely enough to get up a feud, suh."

SOPORIFIC.

Bramble—"I used to be troubled with insomnia, but I cured myself."

Thorne—"How?"

Bramble—"I joined a chess club."

SECOND NATURE.

"How do you like my new piano?"

THE ABSENT-MINDED DENTIST—"Well, they all need cleaning, and this one ought to be filled."

HE OUGHT TO HAVE KNOWN.

IKEY—"Popper, vat's der larchest di'munt in der voild?"

IKEY'S POPPER—"Such a iknoramus vat you are! Vy, der 'Cohen-oor' is der larchest, of course!"

A PREMONITORY VISAGE.

MRS. DARKE (*mumbling*)—"Dat wuffless niggah is hatchin' up some new trubble fo' me. I kin see dat by his *black* looks!"

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AT THE PRINCE HENRY MASQUERADE.

" She says she wants Count von Switzer, and wants him bad."
" Well, that is either shocking grammar or perverted taste."

PICK OUT YOUR HOCH.

There are more hochs loose in New York this week than are dreamt of in any other town on earth.—*Hoch Hamlet.*

HERE are more Hochs than Hoch
The Kaiser and Hoch the Prince.
They are not all spelled the same,
But that saws no congealed water.
All hochs are alike this week.
There is Hocheimer, a Rhine wine from Maine,
And Hoc to cut the tendons of the hoc.
You can hoc your horse if you have
One. There is the hock-joint
Of the hind leg of any quadruped.
If you know anything about
This hock, you know it is situated
Between the tibia and tarsus.
There is Hock on the Bowery,
And on Sixth avenue, and many
Other places in this old town. You can
Hock your "Benjamin," or family plate,
Or anything that has a price on it.
Have you ever played faro?
Then you know the hock card
Is the last in the box, as the soda
Is the first. Then the German hock—
Any white Rhine wine—
So you see all German hocks are
Not spelled hoch. That's right.
Get onto the Latin hocs:
Hoc age; hoc anno; hoc erat;
Hoc majorum; hoc erat in votis;
Hoc genus omne; hoc loco;
Hoc opus; hoc saxum posuit;
Hoc tempore; hoc volo sic jubeo
Sit pro ratione voluntas;
Say, did you ever get up against
That declination in your Latin grammar—
Nominative: hic, haec, hoc.
Genitive: hujus, hujus, hujus.
Dative: huic, huic, huic.
Accusative: hunc, hanc, hoc.
Vocative: hic, haec, hoc.
Ablative: hoc, hac, hoc?
And you remember what Constantine
Said—In hoc signo, etc.? Well,
Now spiel and prosit and hoch!
Till you can't hoch any more
From here to Sagadahoc.

—FRANK BROOKS.

"AS SHE SAW FIT."

A USEFUL BILL.

TOMMY TURTLE—"Ma wants to know if you'll lend your Johnny to her for a few minutes—she's dropped a nickel down the waste-pipe in the kitchen sink!"

WHERE G. W. WAS SHY.

George Washington, so history saith,
A sportsman true was he,
And yet he never in his life
A fisherman could be.

He never to the brookside went
To cast the bait or fly.
He lacked the angler's chiefest gift—
He could not tell a lie!

ED. MOTT.

BLIND.

In the inanimate world, as in the animate, Love is Blind.

HAD TO MISLEAD HIM.

IT was a dhirty thrick, annyhow," growled Mr. Mulcahey.

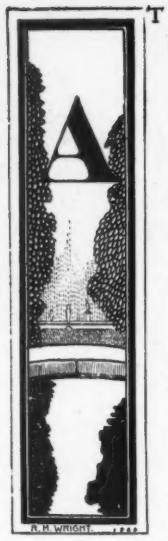
"Phwat's thot?" asked Mr. O' Tunder.

"Me b'y Terry is playin' th' dhrum in th' Sivintieth Regimint Band, an' th' bandmasher knew he wudden't play anny Gurman chunes, an' so he croshed out th' toitle av 'Th' Watch an th' Rhoine,' an' all th' other Gurman wans an' marked thim as 'Th' Wearin' av th' Grane' an' sooch loike, an' Terry played loike th' divil all th' toime Pr-r-rince Hinry was here, niver knowin' but phwat he was handin' out good Oirish music. An' now th' b'y has a brick in his han' an' har-r-d wor-r-rds in his tathe and is hunt-in' th' bandmasther."

HIS MISTAKE.

COUNT VON ALLSWILL—"Every time I call on Miss Flossie I find her out."

ETHEL—"And still you keep right on calling when she is expecting you."



AT THE STATION.

SCENE: Anywhere. TIME: Arrival of Prince Henry's Train.

"Hoch!"

"Hooray!"

"There he is!"

"Your Highness, it gives me——"

"Whoop!"

"Look at his whiskers, Chimmy!"

"Isn't he just cute?"

"Get off my corns!"

"——distinguished honor you have conferred upon our city——"

"Hoorah fer Hen!"

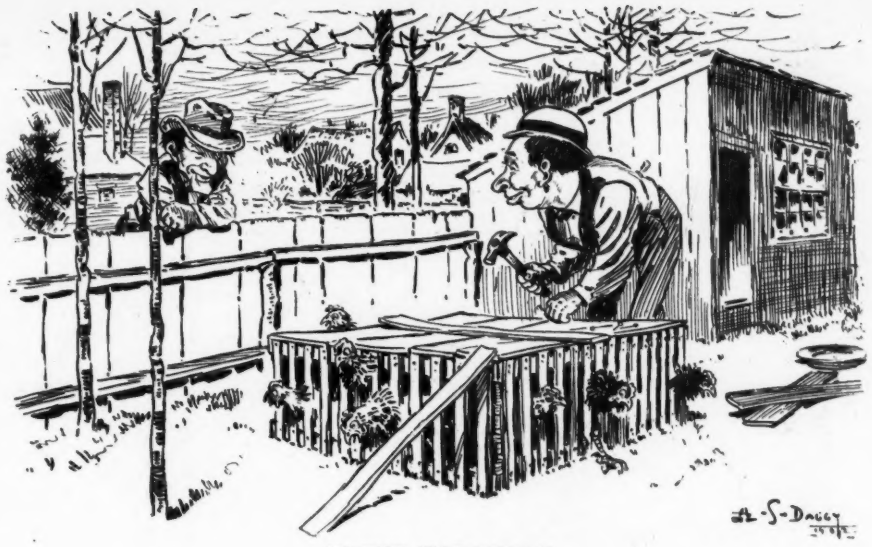
"Gimme a cuff button, Prince!"

"Ach, mein lieber Augustine!"

(Brass band) — OOMpah, OOMpah, OOM!

"——beg to assure you that our fair city could——"

"That's him—the little feller."



IN THE HATCHWAY.

FIRST NEIGHBOR—"Hello! Nailin' up yer chickens?"
SECOND NEIGHBOR—"Sort o' battering down the hatch, as it were."

"Yah. Yah. Aber der——"

"——and I may only say further that——"

Yee! Yee! Yip! Yip-pee-e-e-e!"

"No, his wife didn't come."

"How's de yacht, Prince?"

(Drum corps)—Bum-diddy-um-diddy-um-bum-bum!

"——and the natural beauties of our country, also——"

"Get out the way o' that truck!"

"Zwei bier!"

"Oh, no, he isn't like Hobson."

"——that we may have a more extended visit at some fu——"

Wow! Yow! Hooray!

"Lizzie has her's trimmed with roses, and—"

"Hoch! Hoch!"

"Git next ter de brass-boun' suit he's got on!"

"——and that we will always welcome you with great plea——"

"All abo-o-a-r-d!

IN CHICAGO.

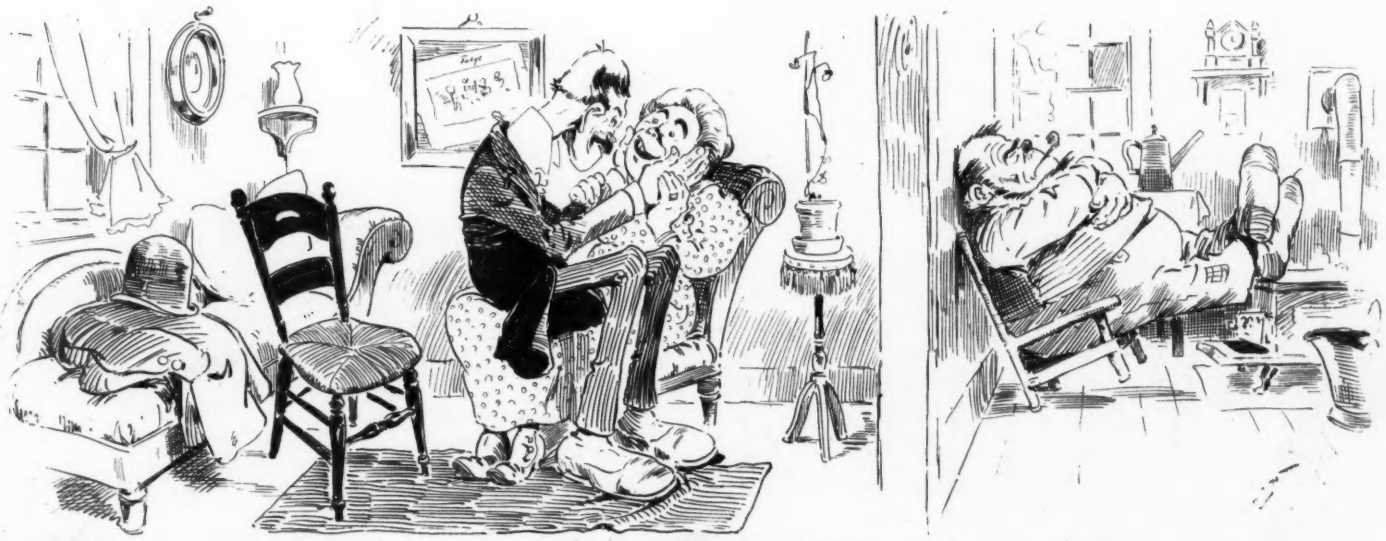
Mr. Lakeshore—"Well, that fellow who wore the evening suit to the breakfast for Princess Eulalie has done it again."

Mr. Wabash—"Done what? Worn the suit again?"

Mr. Lakeshore—"No. But he was on the committee to receive Prince Henry, and showed up in wooden shoes and a stage comedian's suit just before the train was due."

QUITE EXCLUSIVE.

MR. CHIPMUNK TO MISS ROBIN—"This is what I like about winter—one can have a bench all to one's self without any interference from a lot of those silly human beings."



WHERE SHE DREW THE LINE.

PAT—"Yure finer than a German princess. Will ye marry me, Norah, darlint?"
NORAH—"Oi will."
PAT—"And shall Oi shpake to your father?"
NORAH—"No, Pat—Oi'm not afther wanting to marry a corpse."

Hats off to his majesty, the Prince of Beverages.

The visit of the German prince is already manifesting itself in our business centre.

SERGEANT MCBRIEN—"Begorra, Oi'll be glad whin this monkey-doodle business is over. The Dutch captain of our precinct laves orders fer all us Oirishmin to report as Dutchmen as long as the Prince was in town."

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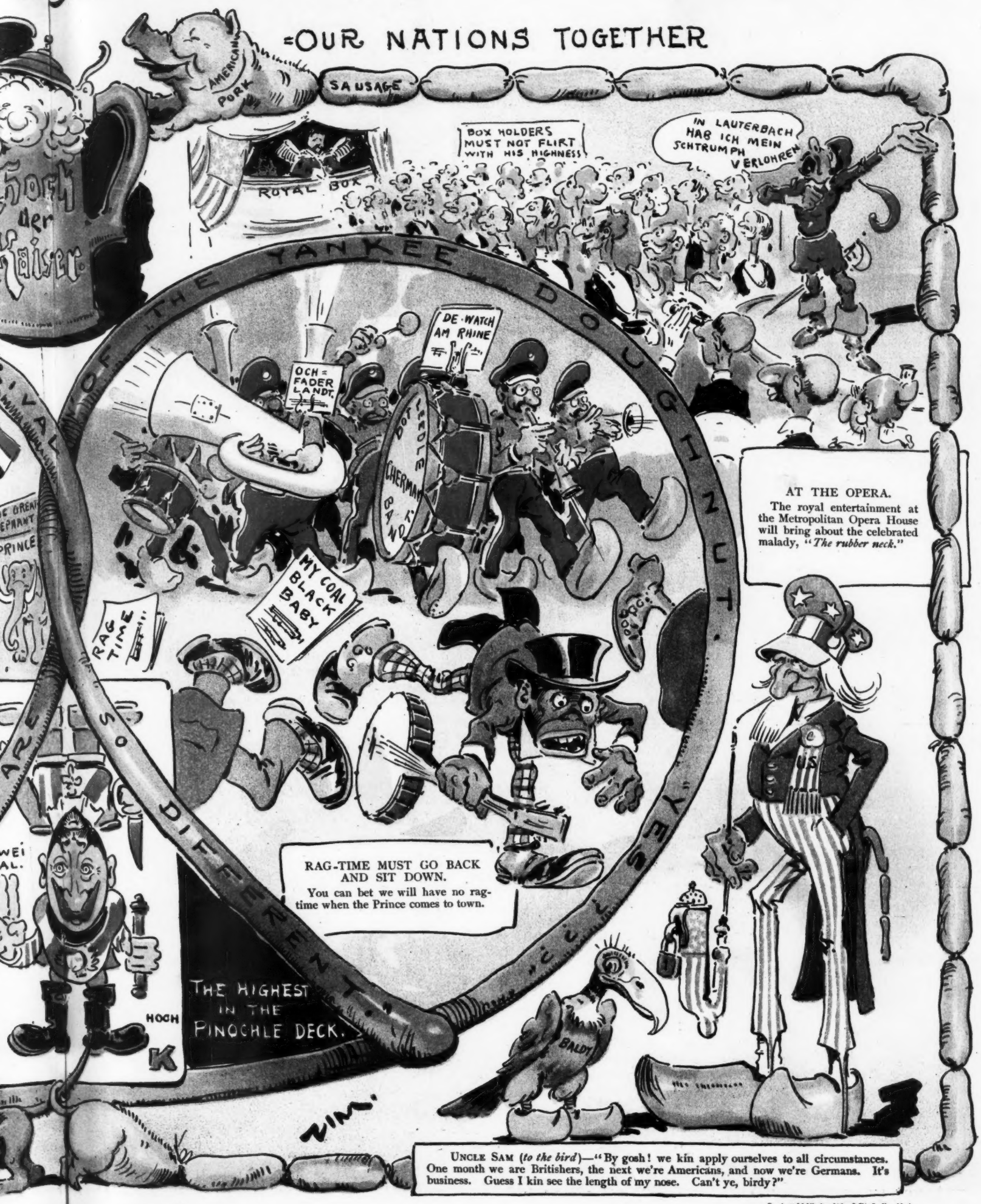

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PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT.

1. WHY HE WANTED IT.

GOWAY BACK—"Kind lady, I'm on me way to see de Prince; would you gib a poor wanderer one of dose matchless mince pies I've heard so much about?"

MRS. KOOKBOOK—"Why, poor famished fellow, certainly."

FROM THE BOWERSVILLE CLARION.

ALTHOUGH Prince Henry was compelled to decline the invitation of the citizens of Bowersville to attend our street fair, our village had the honor of seeing the distinguished visitor for a short while on Wednesday evening. His train was stopped here until a freight could take the siding, and Professor Higgins got the band out and serenaded him, and Mayor Gopph took up a position on the mail crane and delivered his speech of welcome. The Prince looked out of the window of his car and said something, and Professor Higgins at once responded to his request by having the band play "Götterdammerung" a piece of music by a Mr. Wagner. Some of the boys are joking the Professor, saying that the Prince said something that sounded the same, but meant something else, but the Professor says that it was only natural the royal visitor should wish to hear something to remind him of home. A number of our best citizens got up during the excitement, thinking the sawmill was on fire, and arrived at the station in time to see the train leave."

SURPRISING.

I'M surprised at one thing in connection with Prince Henry's visit," said Perkasie.

"What's that?" asked Frisbie.

"He has omitted Bismarck, N. D., from his itinerary."

DIRE THREATS.

"Never mind," said little Millicent Munneymaker, "Never mind, Beatrice Bondclipper. You may be as mean as you like now, but when I grow up papa is going to buy me a German prince, and t'en I am coming back to this town, and we won't let the committees invite you or your folks to the banquets or to hear the speeches of welcome, or anything."

THE YEARLY SACRIFICE.

Richmond—"What do you expect to give up during Lent?"

Bronxborough— "That depends upon the price of Easter bonnets."

THE CAUSE.

Out in the pensive moonlight
Under the blinking stars,
Practising for the cake-walk
They smoke their big cigars.

Soon they become exhausted
And they can puff no more,
Until they get their second
Wind, though their spirits soar.

'Tisn't the Il Cabbagos
Their puffing power slay—
A pair of moon-kissed chickens
Have taken their breath away.

2. WHY HE WANTED IT.

GOWAY BACK—"T'anks, lady."

A SUGGESTION.

When battleships and lesser craft
Were launched in days gone by,
The W. C. T. U. were wont
To raise a hue and cry.
'Twas very sinful, so they said,
To christen them with wine,
Pure water should be used and not
The juices of the vine.

But when the Kaiser's fine new yacht
Is given to the wave,
In snowy paint and shining brass
And yards of bunting brave,
Foregoing both the gay champagne
And water crystal clear,
It would be most appropriate
To christen it with beer.

—MINNA IRVING

ONLY STUFFING HIM.

I BELIEF dot fellers iss only fooling mit me," observed Herr Hassenpfeffer, meditatively rubbing his cleaver against the chopping block.

"Vat iss it?" asked his wife.

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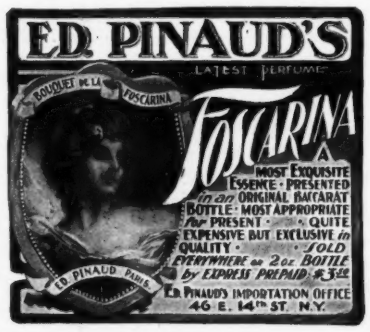

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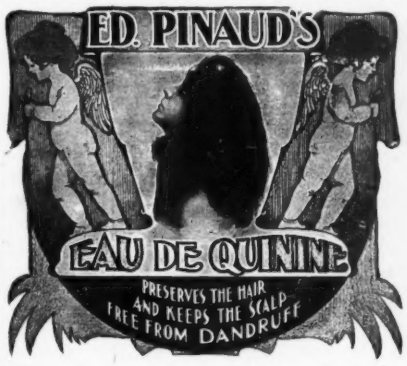

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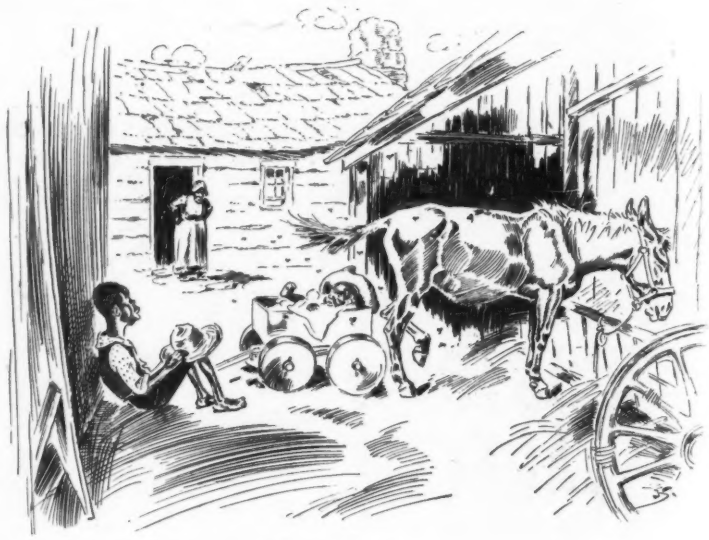

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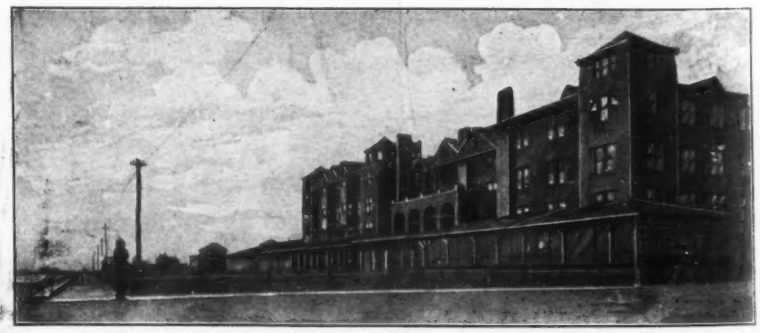

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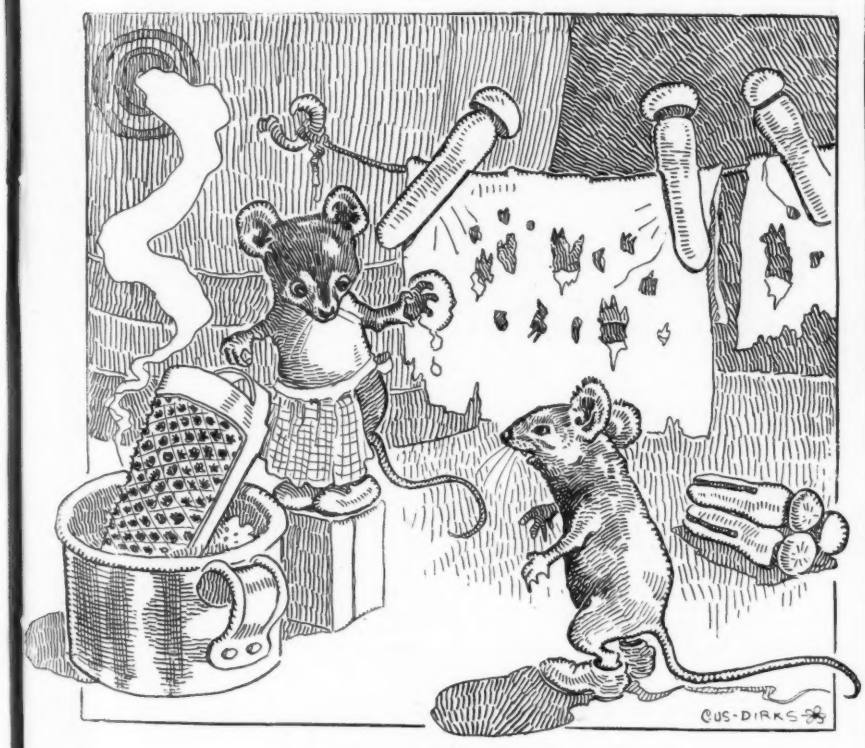

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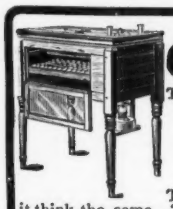

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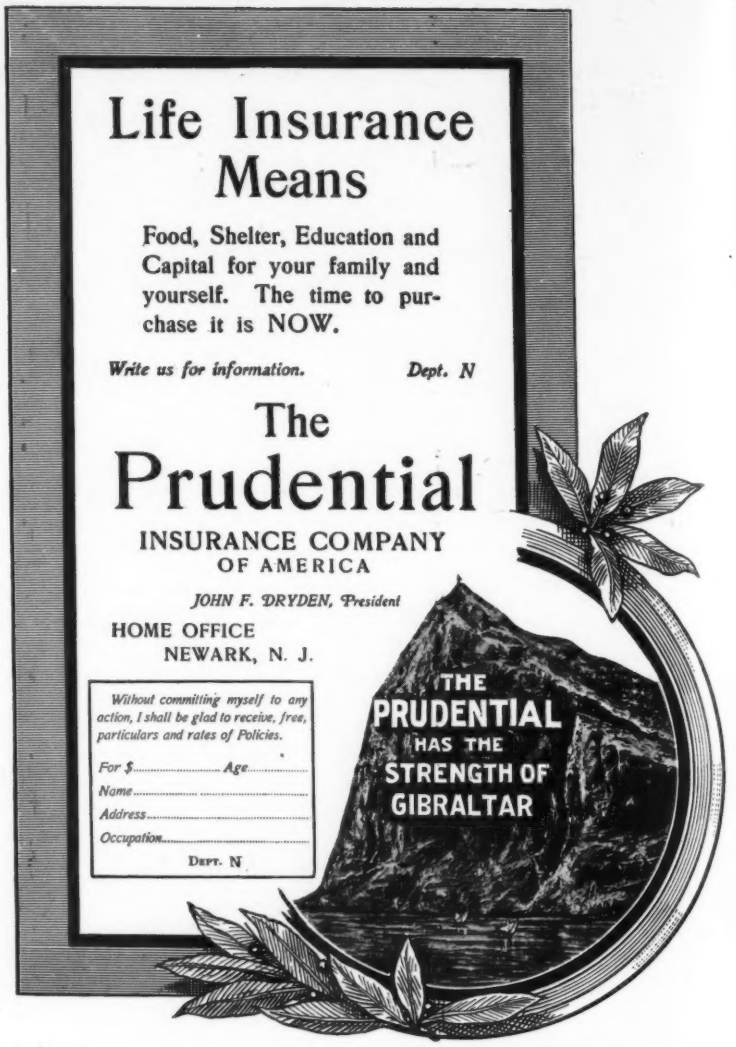

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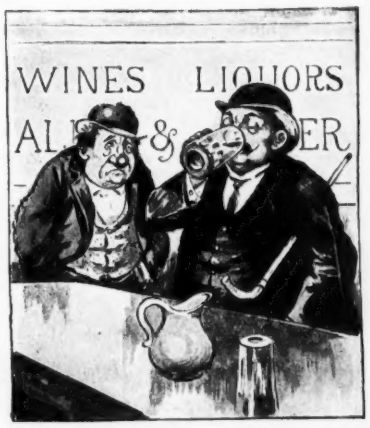

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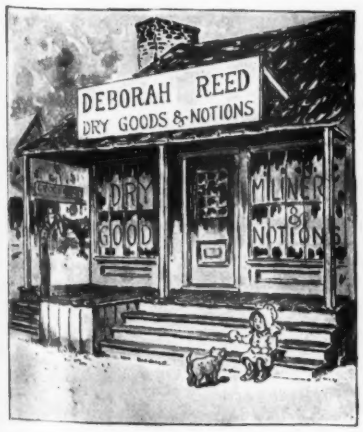

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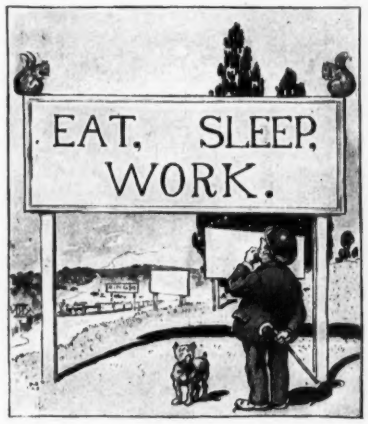

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COULD BE ACCOMMODATED.

FARMER SPEIGLE (*in town to see the Prince*)—"Is there any place in New York City where a felly kin git a '*lottery ticket*'?"
HOTEL CLERK (*to boy*)—"James, take this gentleman around and show him where he can get a *marriage license*."

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THE GERMAN PRINCE'S VISIT TOO MUCH FOR HIM.

MRS. RILEY—"You've bin drinkin' agin!"
MR. RILEY—"Don't rile me up, Norah. Oi hov sivinteen differint koinds av German beer in me, an' if they git t' mixin' oop Oi can't h-hold thim, Norah."

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"No."

"I do."

"Glad to hear it. Do you know why Mason and Dixon's line is so called?"

"Haven't the slightest idea."

"I have."

"Good for you. If you were lost in a forest could you tell by looking at the tree which direction is north?"

"No."

"I could."

"You have me beat. Have you any idea of the relative accountability of the will and the understanding?"

"Don't know what you're talking about."

"I do."

"All right. Have you ever noticed how a pigeon feeds its young?"

"Can't say I have."

"I have."

"Good for you. Do you know what led to the Thirty Years' War?"

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"I haven't."

"That's lucky. Do you know the difference between the dialect of southern Illinois and that of Juniata county, Pa?"

"No."

"I do."

"Good. Do you understand French?"

"Not at all."

"I do."

"That's fortunate. Do you know anything about banking?"

"Nothing at all."

"I know all about it."

"Glad to hear it. Ever been crossed in love?"

"Never."

"I have."

"Good! Let's collaborate on a novel."—*Chicago Tribune.*

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